



Spring sports
underway
...13

Chieftain



VOLUME 51, NUMBER 4

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FEBRUARY 22, 2022

GEER available for summer students

Staff Reports

An opportunity called the Governor's Emergency Educational Relief Fund Summer Grant Program (GEER) could impact students who enroll in summer classes at ICC, according to Terry Bland, financial aid director.

A \$3.5 million GEER II grant from the Mississippi Governor's office will be used to make one-time awards to college students this summer.

Bland said that according to the information provided, "The idea is to offer assistance to students affected by the pandemic to keep them on track for graduation or help them catch up if they fell behind."

"While summer Pell requires six hours, GEER will only require three hours of enrollment). It is possible that the student could qualify for both GEER and Summer Pell as long as all of the eligibility requirements are met."

Eligibility includes legal resident of Mississippi; continuing college student and have completed at least 12 college hours not including any college coursework taken while in high school; earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all college coursework completed through the fall 2021 term; be enrolled in an aid-eligible program at the undergraduate level at one eligible Mississippi institution for at least three credit hours during a summer 2022 term; and seeking a first certificate, associate's or bachelor's degree. - **See GEER, page five.**



ICC offers new opportunity

Itawamba Community College President Dr. Jay Allen signs a proclamation designating Feb. 7-11 as STEM Week. The event signaled the start of amplified focus on the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math at ICC, which will begin offering an innovative way for involvement and exploration of those areas with the creation of a STEM Club as well as a new course, Introduction to STEM Professions, beginning this fall. Program coordinators and club sponsors include from left, Heather McCormick, Bradley Howard and Dr. Jada Mills. - See related photos and information on page three.

PTK selects ICC's Sumerel as Distinguished Educator

Staff Reports

Dr. Michelle Sumerel of Mooreville, vice president of instructional services at Itawamba Community College, has been selected as a recipient of the Distinguished College Administrator award presented by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Sumerel is one of 28 college administrators who will be recognized during PTK Catalyst 2022, the society's annual convention in Denver, Colo., Apr. 7-9.

Sumerel has been vice president of instructional services at ICC since Jan. 4, 2016, but a member of the ICC family since 2006. She has served as lead on-line instructor for sociology and criminal justice, director for the Law Enforcement Technology program, eLearning coordinator and dean of eLearning Instruction.

Sumerel's educational background includes the bachelor's degree from the University of

North Alabama and both the master's and doctorate degrees from Mississippi State University.



Dr. Michelle Sumerel

Sumerel is a member of several professional and civic organizations and is the recipient of multiple award and recognitions. She is the author of two publications and presenter of numerous papers at conferences and meetings across the state, region and

south.

Sumerel is the mother of one son, Tyler.

The award recognizes college administrators working directly with student leaders to solve problems on campus and in their communities. They have also taken an active interest in supporting high-achieving students and developing student leaders.

"These college administrators are beloved on campus - they know students by name and by circumstance," said PTK President and CEO Dr. Lynn Tinchler-Ladner. "Their nomination is evidence of the gratitude their PTK students feel for supporting them and students like them - even during the most difficult times."

Honorees were selected from among thousands of college administrators eligible to receive the award. Sumerel was nominated by ICC's Upsilon Sigma Chapter.

ICC reopens DMS program

Staff Reports

ICC is reopening a key health science program this fall using an innovative instructional delivery method.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography will combine an in-person boot camp/lab session at the beginning of both the fall and spring semesters, clinical rotations and online didactic courses.

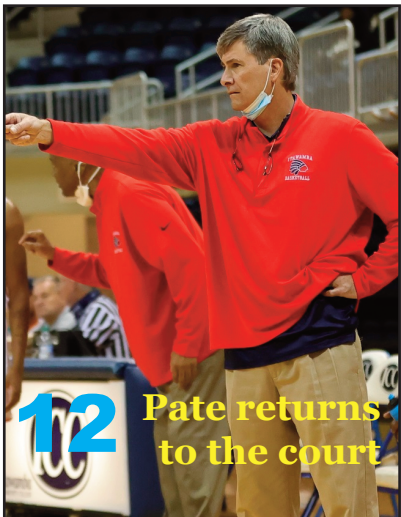
DMS will begin as a one-year (three-semester) program in general sonography, according to instructor Amanda Stone. Graduates will earn an Associate of Applied Science degree and will be eligible to take the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography examinations, including Principles and Instrumentation to become a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer in Abdominal and Obstetrics/Gynecology. - **See DMS, page fourteen.**

For the latest
news
updates

.....
See
www.iccms.edu



9 PTK hangs birdhouses



12 Pate returns to the court



14 Her journey continues

Inside

Viewpoints
News
Sports



V

IEWPOINT

CHLOE EVANS
Staff Writer

New year... new beginning

As we begin this new year with a new semester at ICC, we swing right back into the busy routine.

This new year offers amazing opportunities for students, faculty and staff.

The STEM Club that was just approved by the Student Government Association has begun recruiting its first members.

It is highly encouraged for students who have an interest in any field of science, technology, engineering or math to take the initiative to participate in this significant opportunity.

However, that is not the only new student opportunity this semester. Recently, a leadership opportunity in student activities was approved. Creative students who are interested in brainstorming new ideas for college events can apply for selection to the Student Activities Board. It will encompass all three locations - Belden, Fulton and Tupelo - and connect activities and events under one group of students. As these groups began creating more buzz, exciting things are happening at Belden, Fulton and Tupelo.

Renovation on the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus is almost complete, and it is scheduled to reopen in April. This new look will be ICC's first impression for incoming freshmen since it is the location for orientation and welcome back events.

In the fall, the doors to a new residence hall will open on the Fulton Campus. Magnolia Hall will be an inclusive honors residence. High-achieving freshmen and sophomore student leaders will be the first to have an opportunity to live in the three-story facility. This new addition will give more students the opportunity to live on campus in an environment where they are surrounded by fellow scholars.

While all locations continue to grow and improve, students have an opportunity to experience life that more resembles prepandemic circumstances.

As cases and quarantines decrease, life at Itawamba Community College begins to return to "normal."

Student recruiters have returned to high school visits, and college tours have resumed. Events are open for participation with no maximum attendance limit. The dining halls have removed the number of students per table regulation. Lab classes are completely open, and hybrid learning is no longer an issue. And, masks are required and regulated per the instructor's request.

These changes, along with many more, are subtle improvements for students...and all members of the ICC family...to safely return to normal life.

Thanks to new technology and continuous protective precautions, ICC is "almost back to normal!"

Spring 2022 brings new opportunities, new construction and new students. It is a time for all of us to "start fresh...a time for us to resolve to do better in classes...to make at least one new friend...to engage in clubs and new activities...to make better use of our time...to try something that we have never done before.

It's time to put the pandemic behind us and to create a new start...It could be our best year ever!



OPINION POLL

What do you think...

“What is the best way to meet people on campus during COVID-19?”

SARA MOORE

Kirsty MacGregor
Sophomore
Yorkshire,
England

“Speaking to people
around you in class.”

Eric Velazquez
Sophomore
Tupelo

“I think the ‘caf’ is
probably your best
bet.”

Brayden Bowden
Freshman
Olive Branch

“Participating in in-
tramural sports.”

Haylee Alberson
Freshman
Southaven

“Talking to people in
the ‘caf’ and going to
sporting events.”

Nate Drewry
Freshman
Corinth

“Being involved in
several clubs around
campus.”

Morgan Williams
Sophomore
Southaven

“The group workouts
at the Fitness Center. I
joined the step aerobics
class, and it’s a fun one-
hour get-away. Lots of
laughs and lots of burned
calories.”

Madison Copeland
Freshman
Tupelo

“Definitely going to
the grill.”

Morgan Mitchell
Sophomore
Amory

“Either talking to people
in class or attending
sporting events.”

Kayla Young
Freshman
Madison

“Probably going to
sporting events and
talking to people in
the student section.”

Allison Moore
Sophomore
Mooreville

“I think talking to people
in the caf and meeting
new people at sporting
events and activities is a
good way to meet people.”

V

IEWPOINT

DONNA THOMAS
Adviser

We must help each other

We all have busy days.

We get up in the morning, some earlier than others.

We grab breakfast if there is time.

Students go to class and faculty and staff members, to class or the office.

We live in our own worlds of “busyness.”

We spend hours on our phones or other electronic devices....many on social media. Most days we don’t pay attention to what’s going on around us.

We have returned to the classroom or to the office and to in-person activities after almost two years of physical distancing and remote learning.

We are stressed because we don’t really remember how life was before the pandemic.

Today we are transitioning back to “almost normal,” and we don’t know how it’s done.

It’s easy for all of us, especially students, to become overloaded with activities because it’s been so long since there have been those opportunities.

We are seeing trends of increasing anxiety, depression and even thoughts of suicide.

Although the transition to college can be a very positive experience for students, it can also be very stressful.

Mental health issues aren’t just student-related, adults have them, too.

They include the stock market, job loss, deaths of family and friends from COVID, food insecurity and global warming.

Loneliness and isolation are significant risk factors.

We all must help each other to get through these issues.

The week beginning Mar. 7, ICC will reach out to students and faculty/staff with activities that are designed to increase awareness of mental health issues as well as an opportunity to connect with the resources they need.

The information is designed to assist faculty and staff to be better equipped and prepared to help students, who our number one priority.

The week will include Mindful Monday (yoga/pet-a-puppy/relaxation rooms), Tuneful Tuesday (kindness rocks/Spotify playlist). Wellness Wednesday (Spin/coloring stations/cornhole and corn chips) and Thoughtful Thursday (donut and coffee with a cop/National Popcorn Day).

It’s very important that we take advantage of opportunities such as these to improve our mental health. It is also vital that we all reach out, not only to help ourselves but to help each other as well.

Give a smile. Open a door for someone. Share kindness and concern. If you go through a drive-thru, tip (even a small one will bring a smile, and you’ve made a positive difference in someone’s day.)

There are hundreds of other little things that we can do. Even one a day will have a positive impact on the giver as well as the recipient. And it could make a difference in your mental health as well as theirs.

Remember...we all must help each other.

Chieftain staff needed for fall!

To apply, email dsthomas@iccms.edu



Staff Writers.....Emma Conner
Chloe Evans
Anna Gregory
Sara Moore

Adviser.....Donna Thomas

Sports Information.....Adam Goré
Lee Adams

Photographers.....C.J. Adams
Lee Adams
Maggie Caldwell
Nina Strother

**The Chieftain is available online only and is posted three times each semester.
Views expressed in this newspaper are not necessarily those of the faculty and administration.**

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate's degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.
Itawamba Community College is an equal opportunity institution. The College strictly prohibits discrimination in its educational programs and activities, employment practices and admissions processes on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ethnicity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran or other status protected by applicable law.
For more information, contact the Vice President of Student Services, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271, or email TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.

Faculty SPOTLIGHT

Christy Colburn

Fine Arts Division

FAMILY: Children - Claudia, 25; Ada Claire, 16; Reason, 15; and Elvis Beauregard (Ebeu), 7-month-old golden doodle

EDUCATION: Aberdeen High School; ICC, A.A.; University of Mississippi, bachelor's and master's degrees

COURSES TAUGHT: Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Rush Hour Saxophone Quartet, Mixed Woodwind Ensemble, CenterStage, Woodwind Studio, Music Appreciation, Color Guard

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Color Guard choreographer, educator and adjudicator (since 1991), South Panola High School, Tupelo High School, Itawamba Community College (since 2005), Winter Guard director (since 2009), FBC Amory choir director



POSITIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: "Teaching gives me purpose and having music as a medium to educate students is a blessing. I've learned that a student who feels appreciated will most often do more than is expected. Having the opportunity to witness moments of success is thrilling and helps remind me why I chose to be an educator. I'm so very lucky to get to do what I do at ICC, and I'm full of gratitude daily."

NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: "Teaching is difficult and, in many places, teachers are not respected, appreciated or compensated well for the work they do. It's unfortunate that institution representatives must fight for funding from our government for public education. Quality education is the answer for so many of our societal and cultural issues, yet schools often function with little resources. I know there are people working hard to resolve this issue and can only hope that in my lifetime, I'll see this issue improve. Until then, teachers will keep working for and serving their students the best they can because they are indeed our future."

ADVICE TO STUDENTS: "Be kind to each other. No matter how educated, talented, rich or cool you believe you are, how you treat people ultimately tells all. Integrity is everything. Also, stay hydrated and get enough sleep. Your brain will thank you!"

ANNA GREGORY
Staff Writer

Jenny Bowers
selected William Winter Scholar

Staff Reports

Jenny Bowers of Tupelo, English instructor and Phi Theta Kappa adviser, has been selected as Itawamba Community College's William Winter Scholar for 2022.

She will be among statewide recipients honored during opening and closing ceremonies at the 33rd Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration, Feb. 24-26.

Bowers joined the ICC faculty in 2002 as an adjunct instructor and became full-time in 2011. Also, she has served as Writing Center consultant and director.

She earned both the bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University. Her awards and honors include National Merit Finalist and for Phi Theta Kappa, Five-Star Adviser, Bennie Warren Outstanding Adviser for the



Jenny Bowers

MS/LA Region (two years) and the Horizon Award for New Advisers.

Bowers is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, National English Honorary; Delta Kappa Gamma, Organization of Women Educators; and Regional Advisory Board for the MS/LA Region of PTK. She is also a scorer for AP Language Exams. She served as a presenter

at the Transitioning to College Writing Conference at the University of Mississippi in 2016.

Bowers and her husband, Michael, have two children.

The Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration is one of the state's most significant annual conferences devoted to literature, history, film and culture. It is sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Mississippi Humanities Council and Copiah-Lincoln Community College and supported by the city of Natchez, Adams County Board of Supervisors, the Natchez Convention and Promotion Commission and the National Park Service.

This year's theme is "A Tapestry of American Life."

Morris to be honored as ICC's
Mississippi Humanities Teacher

Staff Reports

Keith Morris of Tupelo has been selected as Itawamba Community College's Mississippi Humanities Teacher Award nominee for 2022.

He will present "Little Boxes" at 6 p.m., Mar. 28, in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

Morris will be honored at the Mississippi Humanities Council Awards Ceremony Mar. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson.

"I teach alongside such talented, hardworking folks," Morris said. "I feel honored to receive

this award, not just for myself but as a simple representative of my team."

Morris earned the bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and master's degree from Mississippi State University. Since 2008, he has served as an English instructor at ICC, where he has co-created World Literature I and Drama Production IV and created Writing for Publication. He is poetry editor for "The Calliope" and sponsor for both Sigma Kappa Delta and Film Club. Morris is a poetry judge for SKD's Hedera Helix literary journal and for ICC's entries for

the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association. His literary work is published in multiple venues. In addition, Morris has an extensive discography, which includes his work as a writer, musician and producer. His honors also include William Winter Scholar.

Since 2015, Morris has volunteered as a fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He is a member of The Orchard in Tupelo.

Morris and his wife, Shannon, have two sons, Parker, 14, and Connor, 12. He is the son of Lou Neil and Buck Morris of Batesville.



Keith Morris

Register now
for
8-week
classes

Staff Reports

Registration for eight-week traditional and eLearning classes is continuing at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses of Itawamba Community College.

Mar. 8 is the deadline to register for the traditional classes, which begin Mar. 7; and Mar. 15 for the eLearning classes, which begin Mar. 14.

STEM Week invites students
to participate in club, class this fall



Staff Reports

Multiple activities during STEM Week, Feb. 7-11, included, from left, a seminar by former ICC faculty member and current lecturer from the Tickle College of Engineering at the University of Tennessee Dr. Betsy Chesnutt, far left; and Bradley Howard shares opportunities for students to learn more about how they can pursue STEM careers, network with others in similar fields and discover and engage in new technology.

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Orientation set for March adult ed classes

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College will enroll new Adult Education students with a three-day orientation session, Mar. 1-3, at the Belden Center (3200 Adams Farm Road).

Each session will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants must have a photo ID, and 16-/17-year-olds should be accompanied by a parent or guardian and bring a withdrawal form from the most recent school attended. Entry into the adult education area is across from the WIN Job Center at ICC-Belden.

Students who plan to enroll in any of the classes offered in the ICC five-county district are encouraged to attend.

The schedule includes

Amory - Amory WIN Center (169 Hwy. 25 North), Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.;

Belden - ICC Belden Center (3200 Adams Farm Road), Monday and Tuesday, 9a.m.-8:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and ESL, Monday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. and Tuesday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.;

Fulton - Old Grammar School (603 So. Cummings St.), Monday and Tuesday, 4-7 p.m.;

Houston - Houston WIN Center (210 Monroe St.), Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Pontotoc - Pontotoc WIN Center (316 Coffee St.), Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and

Tupelo - Regional Rehabilitation Center (615 Pegram Dr.), Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1-4:30 p.m.

There is no cost for the classes.

GED and HiSET testing is continuing on a weekly basis, and all program-enrolled students take the GED or HiSET free of charge. For more information on scheduling an appointment, contact Priscilla Trice at pptrice@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1513.

For general information about classes or the program, email aduleducation@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1517.

Gateway program registration continues

Staff Reports

Registration is continuing for the Gateway program at Itawamba Community College.

The program is designed for individuals who are between the ages of 16-24, do not have a high school diploma or its equivalent, want career coaching and are serious about exploring employment opportunities. In addition, those who have a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma may qualify if they have another type of barrier, including but not limited to, single parent, low income, disabilities and homeless.

Enrollments are currently being accepted for participants in Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties. Open enrollment for classes in the one-week program begins Mondays at 9 a.m. at the ICC WIN Job Centers. In Belden, call (662) 407-1207 or the WIN Job Centers in Amory (662) 407-1236; Houston (662) 407-1219; or Pontotoc (662) 407-1226.

According to WIOA Youth Coordinator Sanders Bell, students can start on Monday and possibly have a job by Friday.

The program is funded by the Mississippi Partnership Workforce Development Board and the Three Rivers Planning and Development District, Inc.

College involvement focus of new SAB

Staff Reports

A new ICC organization will focus on input into involvement opportunities at all ICC locations.

The Student Activities Board, or SAB, will assist in the planning of activities, in brainstorming and implementing new activities and assist the Student Activities office in the preparation and execution of events. Sponsor Taylor Tutor, coordinator of student activities, said that the group will also work in conjunction with the Student Government Association.

The 10 members, who must have at least a 2.5 GPA or higher and be in good standing with the College, will meet each Wednesday.

Tutor said that the group will provide a creative outlet and an opportunity to volunteer.



Participants in ICC's Leadership Development Institute for 2022-23 include front, from left, Adam Gore, Dr. Dana Walker, Holly Karr, John Wayne Harris, Terry Bland; back, C.J. Adams, Chris Stevenson, Steven West, Josh Gammill and Dr. Bobby Solomon.

ICC selects 10 faculty, staff for prestigious LDI

Staff Reports

Ten members of Itawamba Community College's faculty and staff have been selected to participate in its Leadership Development Institute for 2022-23.

They include C.J. Adams of Fulton, marketing specialist; Terry Bland of Mooreville, financial aid director; Josh Gammill of Fulton, pathway coordinator; Adam Gore of Fulton, sports information and media relations director; Holly Gray of Fulton, library director; John Wayne Harris of Fulton, project and energy management systems director; Dr. Robert Solomon of Belden, director of Admissions and Registrar; Chris Stevenson of Fulton, social science division chair and history instructor; Dr. Dana Walker of Tupelo, Associate Degree Nursing program director; and Steven A. West of Mantachie, systems analyst and programmer.

C.J. ADAMS

Adams, who has been employed at ICC since 2018, earned the A.A.S. degree in computer servicing at ICC. He is the recipient of 18 awards from the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi, including the 2021 grand award for electronic media and the 2020 Mississippi Press Association best general news photo in the collegiate junior division. In 2016, he cofounded The Square Gift Company, which was selected best new business by the Fulton Chamber of Commerce in 2017. He and his wife, Kristin, have two children.

TERRY BLAND

Bland's educational background includes the bachelor's degree from Union University and the master's degree from Walden University. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree at Mississippi State University. He is serving as president-elect of the Mississippi Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the Northern Representative for Veter-

ans Affairs Administrators of Mississippi. He has been employed at ICC since 2015.

JOSH GAMMILL

Gammill, who previously served as career navigator, began his employment at ICC in 2015. He earned the bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and the master's degree from the University of Mississippi. Gammill's honors include president of the ICC Tupelo/Belden Faculty Association, successful completion of the DDI Leadership Facilitator Training and Gallup Strengths Coach Training and service on multiple ICC committees. He is a member of Bethel Baptist Church. Gammill and his wife, Sara, have three children.

ADAM GORE

Gore, who began employment at ICC in 2010, previously served as assistant sports information director and interim director of community relations. His honors include Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal Top 40 under 40 (three times), ICC Meritorious Award and CPRAM grand award in electronic media.

HOLLY GRAY

Gray's educational background includes the associate's degree from ICC; bachelor's degree from Ole Miss; master's degree in information technology from Mississippi State University and the master's degree in library and information science from the University of Alabama. Her honors and memberships include Mississippi Library Association, MAGNOLIA steering committee and National Board-Certified Teacher. Before she began her ICC employment in 2016, Gray served as librarian for the Tupelo Public School District. Gray is Children's Sunday School teacher at the Fulton United Methodist Church and troop leader for Itawamba Girl Scout Group 23159. She and her husband, Jim, have two children.

JOHN WAYNE HARRIS

Harris began employment at ICC in 2008, and he has served as sound technician/housekeeper and energy systems manager. He earned the associate's degree from ICC and the bachelor's degree from Everglades University. Harris's awards include Eagle Scout, recognition by Siemens Industry Building Technologies for completing their master operator curriculum, ICC Support Staff Employee of the Year in 2015 and Outstanding Administrative Professional Staff of the Year Award in 2020.

DR. BOBBY SOLOMON

Solomon, who has been employed at ICC for three years, previously served as dean for student affairs, assistant director of career assessment and learning and student activity coordinator at Savannah Technical College. He earned the bachelor's degree from Tuskegee University, the master's degree from Troy State University and the doctoral degree from Walden University. Solomon's publications include "Strategies for Human Resources Professionals Using Social Networking Websites for Hiring Decisions." He and his wife, Linda, have four children.

CHRIS STEVENSON

Stevenson has been employed at ICC since 2010, and he served as chair of the history department prior to his current position. His educational background includes the associate's degree from ICC, bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and the master's degree from Ole Miss. Stevenson's honors include William Winter Scholars Award and the John and Beth Cleveland Instructor of the Year Award. He and his wife, Jessi, have two children.

DR. DANA WALKER

Before employment at ICC in 2018, Walker was assistant professor and

RN-BSN Coordinator at Mississippi University for Women, worked in various positions for the North Mississippi Medical Center for 21 years and was a nursing instructor at Northeast Mississippi Community College for six years. Her honors and memberships include Sigma Theta Tau, Top Nurse from the International Nurses Association, past-president of the Mississippi Nurses Foundation Board of Trustees, Mississippi Nurses Foundation Leadership Institute participant, co-author of "Outcomes Management of an Ambulatory Clinic System Population: Experience with Patients with Diabetes," Teaching Outstanding Performance (TOP) award from Northeast Mississippi Community College and Quality Showcase Physician Office Award from the Diabetes Initiative for the North Mississippi Medical Center. She and her husband, Thomas, are the parents of two children and two grandchildren.

STEVEN WEST

West, who has been at ICC since 2011, previously served as information systems technology instructor. His educational background includes the associate's degrees in computer networking and computer programming. His honors include the 2021 Meritorious Award and second place for mobile application and navigating COVID (website) from the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi. He and his wife, Valerie, have three children.

The LDI, which is a one-year program that seeks to promote leaders from within ICC's family, includes selected courses as well as customized monthly workshops and seminars that include professional talks and interactive sessions while focusing on the impacts of the College on our communities, state and region.

Meeting Room
CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

FULTON CAMPUS

Archery Club	Scott Milam	862.8412
Art Club	Shawn Whittington	862.8301
Bass Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Chieftain	Donna Thomas	862.8244
Comm. Chiefs	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
Computer Club	Bradley Howard	620.5329
Disc Golf	discgolf@iccms.edu	
Educators Rising	Chris Cox	862.8181
	Bobby Jarrell	862.8183
Fashion Tribe	Taylor Tutor	862.8281
	C.J. Adams	862.8074
Forestry Club	Emily Loden Jones	862.8147
ICC Films	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
ICC Honors College	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
ICC Orient. Leaders	Dr. Melissa Haab	862.8051
	Jake Hartfield	862.8051
Indian Delegation	Makaela Dickerson	862.8252
	C.J. Adams	862.8074
Mirror	Anna Begnaud	862.8292
Modern Language	Robin Lowe	862.8166
Phi Theta Kappa	Bradley Howard	620.5329
	Jay Humphries	862.8381
Political Science	Chris Stevenson	862.8169
	Megan Eidt	620.5044
Science Club	Dr. Jada Mills	862.8369
	Lindsey Patterson	862.8359
Sigma Kappa Delta	Keith Morris	862.8326
	Anna Begnaud	862.8292
	Jenny Bowers	620.5112
	Dr. Ashley Lancaster	862.8326
	Nathan Ward	862.8164
Social Media Amb.	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
Student Gov. Assn.	Dr. Chad Case	862.8232
	Dr. Brad Boggs	862.8271
	Jake Hartfield	862.8428
Travel Tribe	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
	Dr. Edana Nail	862.8056
	Chris Stevenson	862.8169

TUPELO CAMPUS

Archery Club	Scott Milam	862.8412
Bass Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Comp. Prog./Net.	Tanya Cox	620.5114
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Cindy Layman	620.5116
	Doris McCreary	620.5117
Future Rad. Tech.	Dr. Paul Crum	620.5233
Future Resp. Ther.	Adam Denton	620.5238
Indian Delegation	Michael Holloway	620.5278
Legal Ed. Assn.	Jamie Hall	620.5342
	Bo Rowland	620.5340
MOSA	Dr. Robin Sims	620.5222
	Dr. Tamar Lucas	620.5218
	Dr. Lauren Asters	620.5208
NCF	Linda Bond	620.5210
OTA	Dee Dee Lomenick	620.5026
Phi Theta Kappa	Jenny Bowers	620.5045
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Dr. Ira Lindsay Jones	620.5043
Student Gov. Assn.	Cynthia Adams	620.5305
	Jake Hartfield	862.8428
SHIMA	Donna Vaughn	620.5123
Student PTA Club	Dr. Cheryl Ware	620.5025
Travel Tribe	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
	Dr. Edana Nail	862.8056
	Chris Stevenson	862.8169

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

BSU	Chris Burrows	862.3278
FCA	Scott Nicholson	nicholson@fca.org
Wesley Foundation	Zac Cox	255.2339

For more information on ICC clubs and organizations, www.iccms.edu.

ICC Wesley Foundation meets weekly

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College’s Wesley Foundation has a new director (he’s been here since August), and the group meets at regular times on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

Directed by the Rev. Zac Cox, Wesley meets on the Fulton Campus according to the following schedule: Mondays, small groups, 9 p.m., and Tuesdays, meal at 6 p.m., and worship at 7 p.m.; and the Tupelo Campus, Relevant, Advanced Education Center 149, 6 p.m.

For more information contact Cox at iccwesley@gmail.com.

GEER
From page one

Additional eligibility requirements include complete the FAFSA on or before Apr. 30 and have an Expected Family Contribution of \$15,000 or less; complete a GEER fund application on or before Apr. 30 and must not currently be in default on a Federal or State grant.

Awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, Bland said.

Completing the application by the deadline does not guarantee funds. For students attending a community college, the one-time award shall not exceed \$500.

No student shall receive a combination of student financial and GEER funds that exceeds the cost of attendance as defined by the institution’s Federal Pell Grant budget.

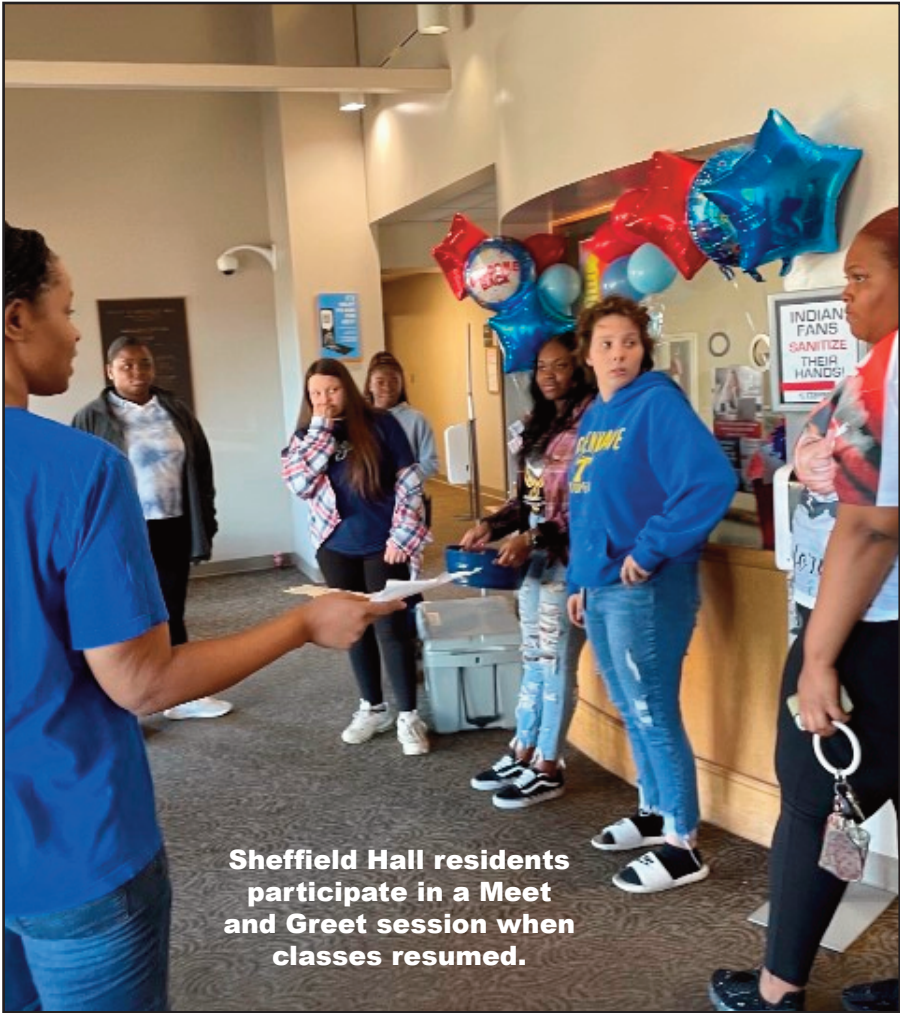


SGA members Hannah Dean, Amari Jamison, Richard Stone and Jay Salters deliver gifts to the Salvation Army for the Angel Tree.



Jessi Stevenson uses yoga as part of her speech class.

Around and About
Activities kick off
spring semester



Sheffield Hall residents participate in a Meet and Greet session when classes resumed.



Chickasaw Hall residents also meet and greet.

PTK
inducts
members

Staff Reports

Several students are new members of Phi Theta Kappa chapters at ICC.

New members of the Beta Tau Sigma chapter at the Tupelo Campus include **Guntown** - Kaelyn Pettigo; **Mantachie** - Adam Wright; **Nettleton** - Holly Dabbs, Abigail Jones, Chloe Minich; **New Albany** - Nelson Finley; **Pontotoc** - Keyaddah Gibson, Molli Moore; **Saltillo** - Arli Cook, Logan Irwin; **Thaxton** - Payton Bailey; **Tupelo** - Helen Myers, Charles Penson, Shunte Smith; and **Woodland** - Auzie Myatt.

Those who have joined the Upsilon Sigma chapter at the Fulton Campus are **Amory** - Kylie Byars, David Odom, Georgia Williams; **Baldwyn** - Melanie Gardner; **Belden** - Robert Allred, Campbell Kellett; **Bruce** - Cesar Salinas; **Columbus** - Kennedy Johnson; **Eupora** - Daniel Rogers; **Fulton** - Ava Armstrong, Payton Gillentine, Timothy Locastro, Andrea Montgomery, Reagan O’Neal; **Golden** - Lily Barnett; **Guntown** - Rachel Hitchcock, Ana Passmore; **Houlka** - Mallori Russell; **Lima, Peru** - Rhonzo Olachea; **Mantachie** - Anna Boggs, Lauren Boggs; **Millport, Ala.** - Samuel Young; **Mooreville** - Sianna Downs, John Peters; **Nettleton** - Micah Carrisoza; **Olive Branch** - LaMaya Newsome; **Plantersville** - Emily Barrett, Reagan Scott; **Ponchatoula, La.** - Collin Babin; **Tremont** - Selena Crowley; **Tupelo** - Adison Biffle, Andrew Edmonson and Michael Tharp.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for the two-year college. Its hallmarks are leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service. Members are afforded opportunities for personal and professional growth and to provide service to the community and society at large.

Advisers are Robin Lowe (**Amory**), Jay Humphries (**Vina, Ala.**), and Bradley Howard (**Saltillo**), all at the Fulton Campus and Jenny Bowers (**Tupelo**), Dr. Delena Hukle (**Mantachie**) and Dr. Ira Lindsay Kinard-Jones (**Houston**), all at the Tupelo Campus.

Want
To Know More?

FULTON CAMPUS

Information on	Contact
Academic Honors.....	Admissions
Activities Calendar	V.P. of Student Services
Admissions/Records	Admissions
Advanced Placement	V.P. of Instructional Services
Athletics	Athletic Director
Band	Band Director
Books/Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser/Advising Center
Car Registration Decals	Campus Police
Change of Adviser/Major	Advising Center
Change in Curriculum	Adviser/Student Affairs
Counseling	Student Affairs
Counseling (Personal).....	V.P. of Student Services
Course Placement.....	V.P. of Instructional Services
Evaluation of Credits.....	Admissions
Examinations	Instructor
Faculty Office Hours	Instructor
Graduation Req.....	Admissions
I.D. Cards	Student Affairs
Intramurals/Activities	Coor. of Student Activities
Library	Director of Libraries
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Part-Time Jobs	Student Affairs
Placement Testing.....	Student Affairs
Publicity/Publications	Community Relations
Registration.....	Admissions
Schedule Changes	Adviser
Schedule Planning	Adviser
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Aid/Work Study	Financial Aid
Student Government	Coor. of Student Activities
Student Organizations.....	Sponsors
Summer School.....	Student Affairs
	V.P. of Instructional Services
Testing (Career).....	Career Center
Transcripts	Admissions
Tuition, Fees, Deferrals	Business office
Use of Campus Property	V.P. of Student Services
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

TUPELO CAMPUS

Admissions/Records	Student Affairs
Advanced Placement Credit	V.P. of Instructional Services
Books and Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning.....	Adviser/Career Center
Car Registration/Decals	Campus Police
Counseling	Student Affairs
Evaluation of Credits.....	Admissions
I.D. Cards	Student Affairs
Job Placement.....	Career Center
Library	Library
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Registration/Early-Reg.....	Student Affairs
Schedule Planning	Student Affairs
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Activities.....	Student Affairs
Student Aid.....	Financial Aid
Student Government	Coor. of Student Activities
Transcripts	Student Affairs
Tuition and Fees.....	Business office
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

BELDEN CENTER

Adult Ed./High School Equivalency	Linzy Patterson
Continuing Education	Debi Martin
WIOA.....	Brad Gates
Workforce.....	Barry Emison

Contact information
available
at www.iccms.edu
by clicking on the
area of interest
or by searching
the college directory
at the same location.

Residence halls
close Mar. 11
for spring break

Staff Reports
All residence halls will close for spring break Mar. 11 at 5 p.m. and will reopen Mar. 20 at 1 p.m.
Residents should make sure all lights are off and all doors are locked, according to Kaitlyn Stanfield, administrative assistant to both the director of housing and vice president of student services.
The checklist also includes all blinds closed and disposal of garbage in the dumpsters provided.
Room checks will be Mar. 11 instead of Thursday.



Angeelas Shannon, ICC Adult Education transition specialist, registers a student for the new class at the Regional Rehabilitation Center in Tupelo.

Free adult education classes
ICC, Regional Rehab
launch partnership

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College and the Regional Rehabilitation Center have launched an innovative partnership with the addition of free adult education classes.

ICC President Dr. Jay Allen and Adult Education Director Linzy Patterson and Regional Rehab Center Executive Director Robby Parman welcomed the first students to class, Jan. 5.

“For ICC, we’ve had a long-standing relationship with the Regional Rehab Center, so this partnership was a no-brainer,” Allen said. “The idea was to move the needle for the communities we serve, and the Regional Rehab Center has a great ministry. The path to prosperity goes through education, and this is a tremendous opportunity to help people who did not achieve that education in high school, and we’re really good at that.”

Allen said that both entities refer students and clients to each other, and over the years, ICC has

hosted numerous fundraisers for the Regional Rehab Center, so this is an ideal partnership.

The classes meet from 1-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays at the center, which is located at 615 Pegram Drive in Tupelo.

Parman said that the idea for the Regional Rehab class began as a vision for possibly an online option to receive a high school equivalency credential for some of their clients. He said that he approached the Three Rivers Planning and Development District for assistance and was directed to Patterson, who immediately suggested an opportunity to place a teacher at the facility.

“When you step into a HSE (high school equivalency) classroom, it is intimidating,” Patterson said. “We are assisting individuals, many of whom have not been in a K-12 classroom for years. Their anxiety stems from both the academic side as well as financial issues. This opportunity will create a stress-free environ-

ment, completely free of charge, with instructors to help along the way.”

According to Parman, “This is huge, this partnership with ICC. The College has been so good to us through the years. This is a way to provide more services not only to our clients but to the entire community. So many of our clients are falling through the cracks, so this is an opportunity to get them to the next level. When we talked with Linzy, we knew that this was exactly what we wanted to do. There is no reason to reinvent the wheel.”

Allen agreed, “This is a great partnership, and together we can make a great impact on our communities.”

For more information, contact Patterson at ICC at (662) 407-1512 or email lpatterson@iccms.edu or Parman at Regional Rehab at (662) 842-1891 or email rparman@regionalrehabcenter.com or adulthoodeducation@iccms.edu.

ICC’s Board of Trustees
elects 2022 officers

Staff Reports

Gill Simmons of Tupelo has been elected chairman of the Itawamba Community College Board of Trustees for 2022.

Other officers include Marilyn Sumerford of Smithville, first vice chairman; Steve Coleman of Pontotoc, second vice chairman; Ronnie Gholston of Fulton, secretary; and Steve Eaton of Houston, immediate past chairman.

Also serving on ICC’s Board of Trustees are Danny Gladney,



Gill Simmons

Jeanette Atkins, Mac Allen Thomas, all of Aberdeen; William

“Skip” Scaggs of Amory; Dan Lee Bishop of Baldwyn; Bonnie Webb, Danny Park, both of Belden; Don Loden, Stacy Russell, both of Fulton; Ollie Young of Houston; Mark Tigner of Mantachie; D. L. “Bud” Wiygul of Nettleton; Amy Anderson, Dr. Jerome Smith, both of Okolona; ; Gerald Bell, Ted Foster and Danny Robbins, all of Pontotoc; Greg McKissick of Sault; Duane Jones of Shannon; and John Ellison of Woodland.

ICC...
#betterthanever

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

ICC needs YOUR assistance

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College’s adminstration needs the assistance of all students in reviewing instruction and supportive services.

Students may provide their opinions through the spring semester’s Student Evaluation of Instruction, according to Diann Nichols, coordinator, in the of- fice of Institutional Research and Effectiveness. Each student will receive these surveys throughout the semester bassed on term dates. Students will re- ceive an email survey for each class (traditional and online) in which they are enrolled. SEIs will also populate inside each course in Canvas so that stu- dents may choose to take the SEI via the email invi- tation or Canvas link based on personal preference for each class.

All student survey responses remain anonymous, and instructors do not receive the SEI results until after submitting final grades at the end of each se- mester. ICC’s administration may review all com- ments made in the SEIs.

Student services surveys for admissions, financial aid, campus police, student activities and student housing will be sent with a separate link for each survey to student email addresses and be available at staggered times through March and April.

Because student opinions are very important to improving the services and instruction that ICC pro- vides, the administration encourages each student to complete all surveys, Nichols said.

Students will receive the student services surveys through their ICC emil address.

February Fridays provide preview

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College is hosting Febru- ary Fridays to provide a preview for prospective stu- dents.

The last session is from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 25, in the David C. Cole Student Services Building on the Fulton Campus.

Students will meet with a recruiter and receive as- sistance with completion of the applicaion, housing and scholarships as well as have a campus tour.



Orientation Leaders

ICC Orientation Leaders include front, from left, Kaleighia Pierce, Alyssa Freeman, Kayla Young; sec- ond row, Emma Grace Allen, Marly Moore, Anna Claire Warren, Gracie Whitt; third row, Lillian Phifer, Chloe Evans, Sky- lon Snipes; fourth row, Nestor Or- tega, Reece Cantrell, Shelby Stidham; back, Hannah Dean, Anna Maldonado, Tykeze Daniels.

ICC schedules orientation sessions for summer, fall semesters

Staff Reports

ICC has scheduled orientation sessions for students who plan to enroll for the 2022 summer and fall semesters.

Recent high school graduates are required to participate in one of the sessions, which are sched- uled for Apr. 11 (Honors), June 7, June 8, June 9, July 19 at 1 p.m.; Apr. 22 and 29, May 6 and July 21, all at 8:30 a.m. at the Fulton Cam- pus; and Apr. 22 and 29, May 6 and July 21 at 5 p.m. at the Tupelo Campus. Students can attend a session regardless of the location they plan to attend. However, all

students, including adult learners, are invited.

“Among the advantages of at- tending an orientation session are scheduling classes early and choosing from a wide variety of options, including days, times and instructors and possibly complet- ing the process before graduation from high school,” said Jake Hart- field, director of recruitment and orientation. “Participants will have an opportunity to connect with other new students as well as to learn more about student life at ICC. The sessions will also enable adult learners to meet with an ad-

viser and to make the transition to college less intimidating.”

Prior to registration, students must have submitted an applica- tion for admission, and for the honors session, participants must provide a copy of the ACT score. Hartfield said that since registra- tion is limited, participants should sign up as soon as possible. Regis- tration is now live.

To register, students should ac- cess [http://www.iccms.edu/Ori- entation](http://www.iccms.edu/Orientation).

For more information, call (662) 862-8000 or email orientation@iccms.edu.



Early Childhood Resource, Referral Network celebrates in February

The Early Childhood Resource and Referal Network on the Itawamba Community College Tupelo Campus hosted an event to celebrate Black History Month in con- junction with Dental Health Month, Feb. 10. Children from the ICC-Tupelo Child- care Center participated in the presenta- tion by dental hygienist Memory Penson from DDS Dentures and Implants Solu- tions. The preschoolers, including Jadeyn Armstrong of Belden, were shown how to appropriately brush their teeth as they discussed the importance of good dental hygiene. - Photo furnished

HAPPENING Music & Arts, ETC...

CenterStage, Choir offer opportunity to 'engage'

EMMA CONNER
Staff Writer

With a renewed focus on student engagement especially since the onset of the pandemic, Itawamba Community College heavily encourages its students to get involved.

Whether that be joining a club, participating in college activities or even playing for a sports team, there seems to be something for everyone.

But, what if you're still struggling to find your niche? Well, if you think you can sing or think it would be fun to perform in front of an audience, getting involved in Choir and/or CenterStage may be the place for you.

What exactly are CenterStage and Choir?

According to Kyle Davis, choir director and music instructor, CenterStage is ICC's show choir, which features a variety of genres (country, indie, jazz, pop, a capella, etc.). It has a live band, costumes and theatre technology. Even if singing and dancing aren't something of interest, you could still get involved in other areas like lights, sound, graphic design, costumes, stage makeup, etc. CenterStage will travel both in and out of the state before summer to "give students opportunities of experiential learning," Davis said.

Choir is ICC's largest vocal ensemble, and whether students have years of experience or none at all, anyone is welcome to audition. Once students are in the group, they will prepare to sing with the Northeast Mississippi Symphony Orchestra (NMSO) and other collaborations. "If you can match pitch and have a great attitude, come join us," Davis invited. It should also be prefaced that it is required for CenterStage vocalists to also be a part of Choir, and any class conflicts will be solved on a "case-by-case basis."

Even though everyone is welcome to audition for both groups, there are some requirements before auditioning. To be a part of choir, students must be able to match pitch, which means being able to match your voice to the tone or note that you hear. For Chamber Choir, students will complete a five-minute choir audition and most possess some ability and/or knowledge of music.

For CenterStage, students must be able to match pitch, carry a tune and to move well. The auditioning process takes place during the first week of classes of the new semester, and dates and times are provided that week. For incoming freshmen, the first fall semester auditions will be between March and April.

For anyone who is undecided or would like to see a performance before making a decision, attending one of their performances is the way to go. This semester, there are performances for each group. CenterStage, which will be Apr. 19, will feature "Villains, Criminals and Renegades. Choir/Chamber, which is Apr. 26, will focus on American composers and Americana, and NMSO will be Apr. 30. Another incentive would be the scholarships, Davis said. All three ensembles offer scholarships which are awarded to students enrolled in these courses.

The Choir meets every Monday and Wednesday from 10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.; Chamber, every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.; and CenterStage, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:35-1:50 p.m. The only time that extra practices are necessary would be dress rehearsal, Davis said. Those specific dates are given to students at the beginning of the semester.



Members of ICC's choir under the direction of Kyle Davis perform last fall in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

Fine Arts blends talent of multiple musicians, groups

ANNA GREGORY
Staff Writer

Itawamba Community College's Fine Arts department has an abundance of talented musicians, according to Christy Colburn, assistant band director.

PERFORMANCES AND ACTIVITIES

Performances and activities began with the Wind Ensemble playing at the Northeast Honor Band, Feb. 5. ICC's music majors worked alongside Northeast Mississippi's band directors to teach middle and high school students who auditioned for the chance to play in this honor band.

Many concerts and music activities are scheduled this semester at the Fulton Campus, Colburn said, and the majority are in April. Auxiliary clinics for Color Guard and Drum Majors will be Mar. 26 and Apr. 2 from 10 a.m.-noon at the band hall.

The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band have their spring concert, Apr. 7, in the Davis Event Center. The Concert Band Festival will be Apr. 8, and times will be determined closer to the date.

On Apr. 9, the auxiliary tryouts for color guard and drum majors will be held at a time and location to be determined.

Additional activities include small concerts, Apr. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Crane Pavilion. Performing will be the Brass Ensemble, Mixed Woodwind Ensemble, the Rush Hour Saxophone Quartet, the Steel Drums and the Percussion Ensemble.

The Guitar recital will be Apr.

14 at 7 p.m. at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium, renovation completion permitting. The alternate location is the band hall.



More concerts include CenterStage, "Criminals, Villains and Renegades," Apr. 19, 7 p.m.; Jazz Band, Apr. 21, 7 p.m.; Chamber Choir and Concert Choir, Apr. 26, 7 p.m.; and Jazz Band Dance, Apr. 28. The location is the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium, and the alternate, the band hall.

In addition, CenterStage will perform at Country Tonight in Gatlinburg, Tenn., May 7-10.

Colburn said that CenterStage auditions for next year will be Apr. 22, and a time and location will be announced closer to the date.

LONG BREAK

There was quite a long break between last semester and the be-

ginning of this semester, Colburn said, but students, as well as instructors, are excited to be back.

Colburn said the energy level in her students is high because the break was so long. She said that she thinks this is because current students, especially the sophomores, were the group that experienced the first major quarantine during their senior year.

They know now what kind of experiences they missed and are not looking to repeat an event like that again, Colburn explained.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Beginning last fall, the Fine Arts Department has taken a number of precautions to ensure the safety of its students. Colburn said that students and instructors alike also seem happy about the shorter quarantine time because being isolated for half a month throws everyone off their routine. "Being away from classes that long also makes it harder to get back into that routine."

ABSENCES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Absences are especially a big deal for any musical ensemble, Colburn noted. One person being gone can mean a whole part of a song not being covered. It affects the entire group if just one person is absent for a rehearsal. "I have a saxophone quartet rehearsal today, two are quarantined. That's two people, you can't have a rehearsal with two people for a quartet because everyone is playing individual parts. So that's how it affects us."

Apply today to participate
in May commencement!

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC’s faculty, staff and students are urged to re-view campus lockdown procedures.

“The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community,” said Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of student services.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

- 1) Lock all doors and windows.
- 2) Close all blinds.
- 3) Turn off lights.
- 4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.
- 5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.
- 6) Make no noise.
- 7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC’s website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It’s located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It’s up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

Campus Police

ICC-Belden...662.687.2752
ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750
ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751

For more information about ICC emergency procedures...
www.iccms.edu



Thank you!

Unity program speaker Dr. Richard Price of Tupelo presents artwork of the ICC logo which he painted to President Dr. Jay Allen last week. Programs were at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

Students elect Mr., Miss ICC; faculty/staff pick Hall of Fame

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College students have elected John Bryant “JB” Stanford of Saltillo and Haley Dean of Saltillo as the 2021-22 Mr. and Miss Itawamba Community College.

Students selected by faculty and staff for the 2021-22 Hall of Fame include **Academic** - Haley Dean of Saltillo; Kaleb “Ely” Ward of Mooreville; Chloe Evans of Plantersville; Leah Pennington of Randolph; Rohan Patel, Richard Stone, Dalena Duong, all of Tupelo; and Hannah Dean of Houston;

Career Education - Weston Steele of Blue Springs and Dionna Huett of Houlka; and

Health Science - Kelly Jo Ashley of New Albany; and Mina Lucious of Vardaman.

The full story and photos will be in the March 25 edition of the *Chieftain*.

ICC’s PMMT program receives Haas grant

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College’s Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology program has received a \$14,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation.

According to Dylan Baldwin, ICC’s director of Career Education, the funds will be used for student aid and certifications. “We appreciate very much the investment by the Haas Foundation in ICC’s Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology program,” Baldwin said. “Not only is it an investment in the program, but it is an investment in the futures of our students.”

In 1999, Gene Haas formed the foundation which bears his name because he grew up with a strong conscience instilled by his family.

It was initially designed to fund the needs of the local community. Haas Automation is now a billion-dollar company. The focus of the foundation has shifted to the current outreach and methodology. Its purpose is to introduce students to careers in machine technology and manufacturing, to build skills in the machining industry and to help military veterans enroll in programs that train them to become skilled machinists.

ICC’s Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology program is designed to prepare individuals for various-level positions in precision high-tech manufacturing. It includes instruction and practice in manufacturing techniques and processes, including standard conventional machining, computer-numerical-control machining and computer-aided design and manufacturing. Students develop skill sets that are valued by manufacturers nationwide and validated by national accrediting agencies such as the National Institute for Metalworking Skills and the National Association of Manufacturers.

“We would like to thank the Gene Haas Foundation for their generous contribution and support of our program,” said Jerry Pettigrew, director/instructor. “This grant will be used to help offset some of the financial burden of our students and also help cover the cost in receiving national credentials through the National Institute for Metalworking Skills.”



New homes

Gaia del Sordo, left, and Chloe Evans, above, members of the Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa hang birdhouses around Fulton as part of its Honors in Action project that focuses on the environment.

Isabella Graves of Mooreville, Itawamba Community College's Most Beautiful 2021, receives her crown at last year's pageant.



ICC Most Beautiful pageant set for Apr. 7

Staff Reports

Tickets will go on sale Mar. 1 for the 2022 Itawamba Community College Most Beautiful Pageant. The pageant will be Apr. 7 at the Davis Event Center at the Fulton Campus. According to co-sponsor Jessi Stevenson, contestants must submit their \$65 entry fee and fact-sheet by 3 p.m., Mar. 3. A mandatory rehearsal will be Apr. 3 at 4 p.m. The pageant will be divided

into four segments, including parade of beauties, individual modeling, finalist competition and crowning ceremony. During the modeling segment, all contestants will model and will be judged on a scale of 1-10, including beauty, stage presence and evening wear. Auditors will compute the judge's score sheets. Contestants will have an opportunity to enter their own photo in this year's photogenic competition, Stevenson said. In addition to Most Photogenic, a Crowd Favorite will be selected. Four beauties and ICC's Most Beautiful 2022 will be chosen from the finalists. Depending on the number of entrants, a top 20/top 15/top 10 will may be selected for the finalist competition. It will be determined after the entry deadline. Media days at Community Relations will be Mar. 2 and 3 from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sponsor of the event is the ICC Travel Tribe.



Itawamba Community College is a two-year public-supported institution dedicated to providing high quality educational opportunities that are accessible and affordable for the diverse needs of Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties. Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through (1) College-parallel, technical and career programs to prepare students to transfer or enter the workforce; 2) Continuing education and workforce pathways for individuals striving for professional growth or personal enrichment; 3) Strategic partnerships to provide student opportunities, meet business and industry needs and promote economic development; 4) Adult education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population, providing self-improvement opportunities, workforce readiness and/or high school equivalency; 5) Resources, including financial, physical and technological to advance educational purpose as well as traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 6) Recruitment and employment of qualified personnel as well as provide ongoing opportunities for leadership training and professional growth to improve skills of faculty and staff; and 7) Services and student engagement opportunities to promote leadership growth and success in educational, career and personal goals.

Candidates for admission to academic and career education programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing the high school equivalency test- students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Registrar/Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete the high school equivalency test in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission. Itawamba Community College is an equal opportunity institution. The College strictly prohibits discrimination in its educational programs and activities, employment practices and admissions processes on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ethnicity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran or other status protected by applicable law. For more information, contact the Vice President of Student Services , 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271, or email TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu. In compliance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and facilities to every qualified person regardless or race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability. Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

www.iccms.edu

Complete student surveys - March and April!!

See page 10.

Did you go to college in Mississippi, but not get a degree?

Now make your CREDITS COUNT.



See how.

MSC2C.org/ActNow

1-833-C2C-4EDU
(1-833-222-4338)

COMPLETE² COMPETE

One Degree Better



Complete 2 Compete (C2C) is a state program designed to help Mississippi adults complete their college degrees and create a brighter future.



FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Résumé Repair Shop

Bring a copy of your résumé to be proofed by a career counselor or email a copy

to career@iccms.edu.

Wednesday, February 23

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Enrollment Services Office
Fulton Campus**

MAN UP

“Chopping It Up”

Lunch Session

Effective Study Strategies

Wednesday, February 23

12:10 p.m.

**Crubaugh Technical Education
Building 110
Fulton Campus**

POETRY SLAM 2022

Two rounds of competition...

Free entry, but donations accepted for the ICC Food Pantry.

February 28, 5 p.m.

Fulton Campus Library

**To participate, email
aclancaster@iccms.edu**

Blind Date with a Book Contest

Win a \$15 gift card to the ICC Bookstore and a box of chocolates!

Stop by the Fulton or Tupelo Campus Library to enter to win!

ends Feb. 28

Career Testing Tuesday

Career assessments are designed to assist you

with narrowing your career options. They are not intended to define the selection of only one major. Instead, they provide a method of beginning to explore various majors

and career options that match your interests, personality and skills.

March 8

April 5

May 3

8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Enrollment Services
David C. Cole Student Services
Building**

Fulton Campus

Walk-ins welcome,

but appointments are preferred.

Other days available

by appointment only.

Advising Center

**Academic and Student Center
Tupelo Campus**

By appointment only.

**For appointments,
email career@iccms.edu**

Are you ready to apply?

Health Science Programs

ICC Health Science Adviser

Lori Little will navigate

through the ins and outs

of applying to ICC's

Health Science programs,

including application

deadlines, program

requirements, applicant

preparation and Q/A.

Wednesday, March 9

2:30 p.m.

Natural Science 209

Fulton Campus



ICC will return to three commencement ceremonies this spring following COVID protocol last year. Graduates will cross the stage in the Davis Event Center on May 13.

Mar. 11 is deadline to apply for commencement

Staff Reports

Students who plan to participate in one of the three Itawamba Community College Commencement ceremonies, May 13, must apply no later than Mar. 11.

According to Dr. Bobby Solomon, the registrar's office will assess each candidate's academic record to determine if the student is on track to graduate at the end of the 2022 spring semester.

After the assessment is completed, a message about the student's graduation status will be placed in their myTribe account.

Candidates applying for graduation will be given the option to participate in a spring 2022 ceremony, Solomon said. Signing up for Commencement is easy, and it takes only a few minutes to complete. A \$30 fee, which will be

charged to the student's account, will cover the cost of the graduate's keepsake cap and gown that is required for Commencement.

To be eligible to participate in Commencement, students must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Complete all coursework by the end of the spring 2022 semester for a certificate or degree with a grade point average of 2.0 on those hours applied toward graduation; or

2. Require no more courses after the spring 2022 semester to earn a certificate or degree with a grade point average of 2.0 on those hours applied toward graduation; or

3. Completed all graduation requirements and awarded a certificate or degree as a December 2021 graduate. Those individuals

could contact Brittanie Wildmon at (662) 862-8031 or bmwildmon@iccms.edu to sign up to participate in a ceremony.

In-person ceremonies are scheduled May 13 in the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus.

Times include A.A. (students with last names A-I and Career Education, 10 a.m.; A.A. (students with last names J-Z), 2 p.m.; and Health Science (all students), 5 p.m.

Solomon said that Commencement participants will be required to complete a Canvas Graduation course to obtain important information on their responsibilities the day of the ceremony, how Commencement will be conducted, cap and gown distribution procedures and more.

ICC continues Mental Health Awareness focus

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has always provided assistance for those struggling with mental health issues, but it's amping up its focus the week of Mar. 7-10.

A number of activities are scheduled at all three ICC locations - Belden, Fulton and Tupelo - as part of the Reach Out campaign, which will also provide resources for faculty and staff to assist students with these challenges.

"We encourage both students and faculty/staff to participate in the special activities and take advantage of the resources that are available," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen.

"Students, we encourage you to work hard, reach out to faculty and staff if you need assistance and to your friends and family. We at ICC care about you and support your success because YOU are our priority."

Events scheduled include outdoor yoga, pet-a-puppy, relaxation rooms, kindness rocks, spin, coloring stations, cornhole and corn chips, donut and coffee with a cop, national popcorn day and a Spotify playlist.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

MARCH 7-10

Monday
7

Mindful Monday
Outdoor Yoga~Fulton Campus
Pet-A-Puppy~Tupelo Campus
Relaxation Rooms~Fulton and Tupelo campuses

Tuesday
8

Tuneful Tuesday
Kindness Rocks~Fulton Campus
Spotify Playlist

Wednesday
9

Wellness Wednesday
Spin~Fulton Campus
Coloring Stations~Fulton and Tupelo campuses
Cornhole and Cornchips~Belden Center

Thursday
10

Thoughtful Thursday
Donut and Coffee with a Cop!~Fulton and Tupelo campuses and Belden Center
#NationalPopcornDay~Tupelo Campus
Wear **GREEN**



ICC head basketball coach Grant Pate returns to the sideline for the 2021-22 season.

Pate returns to the game after stepping away to battle for life

MATT ST. JEAN
WTVA Sports

We are a little more than halfway through the JuCo basketball season. ICC men's basketball head coach Grant Pate and the Indians are off to a great start to the season.

Coach Pate has called the sideline his home for over three decades. He's coached at ICC since 2013, but in 2021, he had to step away from the game he devoted his life to as he quite literally battled for his life.

"You know my first thoughts were not on me, but what's going to happen to those around me," Pate said.

In December of 2020, a few games into the season, doctors told Pate he had a tumor the size of a golf ball in his throat, stage three cancer. His season was over and the fight was just beginning.

"When something gets taken away from you that

you're had for over 30 years, it takes a part away from you," Pate said.

But according to long time

coaching, but it didn't take the coaching out of Pate.

"A lot of folks don't know this, we talked two, three,

at home, don't think Grant Pate didn't work now, these weren't little five-minute conversations, we were on the

couldn't get out of bed, he couldn't eat, he lost nearly 50 pounds, but those phone calls, that small involvement, kept him going.

"It hurt not to be there and be with them, but it made me feel like I was part of it," Pate said.

In April of 2021, Pate got the all-clear, the cancer disappeared. He's back in the classroom and back on the sideline and he returned with a whole new perspective.

"It shed some light on what was important and what was less important," Pate said. "So now you try to share your story with the young men that you're with and to let them know that basketball really is a blessing and it can be taken away just like that." - **Report on WTVA earlier this season and printed with permission by WTVA Sports Anchor/Reporter Matt St. Jean and WTVA.**



Coach Grant Pate (kneeling) and his friend, assistant coach Eric Bozeman (standing) provide strategy to players during a game with the Mississippi Delta Trojans.

assistant coach and friend Eric Bozeman, chemotherapy and radiation took Pate out of

sometimes four times a day," Bozeman said. "He did the scouting reports while he was

phone for 25, 30 minutes at a time."

Pate said most days he

MACC to induct Goodman into Sports Hall of Fame

Staff Reports

1974-75 Itawamba Community College quarterback Gerald Goodman will be inducted into the 2022 Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame, Apr. 26, at the Muse Center on the Rankin County Campus of Hinds Community College.

He is a graduate of Blountstown, Fla. High School where he was quarterback of the 1973 state 2A championship team.

From there, then-IJC coach Ben Jones signed him to play the same position for the Indians.

While at IJC, he helped

lead the team to a north division title in 1974 and the first state championship in the school's history in 1975. He finished his playing career at the University of North Alabama.

In 2011, Goodman was inducted into Itawamba Community College's Athletic Hall

of Fame and in 2015, the Blountstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was a football coach for several years at Blountstown High School, Marion Military Institute, University of Louisville, University of North Alabama, Mississippi State University and the University

of Southern Mississippi.

His employment history has included the PGA TOUR.

Following his retirement from the PGA TOUR in 2021, he moved to Danville, Ky., where he and his wife, Susan, started Goodman Consulting, which coordinates events and sponsorships for companies.

#RollTribe

ICC softball, baseball landin NJCAA preseason rankings

Staff Reports

Expectations continue to be high for the Itawamba Community College softball and baseball programs in 2022.

Both programs earned a spot in the top 20 of their respective preseason polls.

The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) preseason softball poll listed the Indians at No. 5 while the baseball Indians came in at No. 17 in the preseason poll.

ICC and Pearl River were the only two Mississippi Association of Community College Conference teams to be featured in both preseason polls.

Last spring, the softball team finished 36-9 and won the regular season conference championship while advancing to the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament at LSU-Eunice. The Indians swept Snead State to open the season.

The baseball team finished 25-15 last season before dropping a 17-inning loss to Hinds in the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament at Pearl River. The Indians split with Beville State on opening day.

ICC Golf team finishes in fifth place tie at Southwest

Staff Reports

The Itawamba Community College golf team finished the Southwest Invitational in McComb tied for fifth place with a team total of 650 (+74).

The Indians came into the final round in sixth place but moved up one spot and tied with Pearl River.

Landry Miller (Florence, Ala.) finished 19th in the tournament with a two-day total of 155 (+11) after shooting a 78 on day one and a 77 on day two.

Ross Reeder (Tupelo) shot a two-day total of 159 (+15) to finish in a four-way tie for 21st as he shot a 78 on day one and an 81 on day two.

Trace Connier (Vanceleave) finished in 38th with a 168 (+15) as he shot an 81 on day one and an 87 on day two.

Hayden McCostlin (Bruce) and Rhett Gullett (Olive Branch) finished in a three-way tie for 40th with a 171 (+27). McCostlin shot an 85 in the opening round and an 86 on day two while Gullett shot 87, 82.

Jack Herring (Saltillo), who played as an individual, finished 53rd with a 181 (+37), shooting 91 on day one and 90 on day two.

Meridian jumped two spots from day one to day two, picking up the win with a team total of 588 (+12).

The Indians' next tournament is scheduled for Mar. 6-7 at Dancing Rabbit Golf Club at the East Central Invitational.



Spring Sports underway



Itawamba Community College Sports...

ON THE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL		
3.1	@Calhoun	noon/3
3.5	Rend Lake	1/3:30
3.8	Calhoun	2/5
3.12	Jones	2/5
3.15	Northwest	3/6
3.19	@Hinds	2/5
3.23	@Miss Delta	noon/3
3.26	East Central	2/5
3.29	@ East Miss	2/5
4.2	Co-Lin	2/5
4.5	@Jackson St. CC	1/4
4.9	@Southwest	2/5
4.12	Northeast	3/6
4.15	@Pearl River	2/5
4.20	@Coahoma	1/4
4.23	Miss Gulf Coast	2/5
4.26	Holmes	3/6
4.29	@Meridian	2/5

GOLF		
3.6-7	East Central Invitational	
	Dancing Rabbit GC	
3.21-22	Meridian Invitational	
	Northwood	
4.8-9	MACCC Championship	
	Wolf Hollow	
4.25-26	District D Championship	
	Castlewoods	

SOFTBALL		
2.26	Beville St.	noon/2
3.6	Lansing	noon/2
3.8	Jackson St. CC	2/4
3.11	@Jones	3/5
3.15	@Northwest	1/3
3.18	Hinds	2/4
3.23	Miss Delta	2/4
3.26	@East Central	1/3
3.29	East Miss	2/4
4.2	@Co-Lin	1/3
4.9	Southwest	noon/2
4.12	@Northeast	4/6
4.15	Pearl River	noon/2
4.20	Coahoma	2/4
4.23	@Gulf Coast	noon/2
4.26	@Holmes	2/4
4.29	Meridian	2/4

TENNIS		
2.24	@East Central	2 p.m.
2.25	Holmes	TBA
3.1	Jones	2 p.m.
3.8	Co-Lin	1 p.m.
3.11	@Hinds	TBA
3.22	@Northeast	11 a.m.
3.25	East Central	2 p.m.
3.29	@Holmes	TBA
4.1	@Southwest	2 p.m.
4.5	Meridian	2 p.m.

Note that schedules could change due to weather.

Follow ICC athletics...LetsGoICC.com or on Twitter...@LetsGoICC

Kinard-Jones born into ICC family... Her journey continues

Staff Reports

Dr. Ira Lindsay Kinard-Jones of Houston was literally born into the Itawamba Community College family since her mother, Audrey, was an ICC educator at the time.

At the age of 4, Kinard-Jones took her first official steps onto the ICC-Tupelo Campus and into the Child Development Center, where she was a student. Following her high school years at Houston, Kinard-Jones enrolled at ICC, where she graduated in 2004.

Four years later, she was employed as a career education instructor in mathematics at the Tupelo Campus. “I completed a degree in mathematics education,” Kinard-Jones said. “I wanted to become a teacher with the first postsecondary institution that impacted my life...the love of my alma mater.”

“As a student at ICC, I was welcomed by a group of experienced teachers who loved teaching,” Kinard-Jones said of the college in 2002-04. “Almost all my teachers are retired (now). The climate was community...very die-hard ICC...student involvements were at an all-time high.”

She earned additional degrees including the bachelor’s and master’s from the University of Mississippi and the doctorate from Mississippi State University. While she was enrolled in graduate school at Ole Miss, she served as a mathematics instructor at Lafayette High School.



Dr. Ira Lindsay Kinard-Jones first officially walked onto the ICC Tupelo Campus at the age of 4 in the same building where she now teaches mathematics.

Since 2010, she has been a member of the academic faculty as a mathematics instructor and spends her days teaching algebra and statistics in the Purvis Center, which also houses ICC’s Child Development Center, where she began her journey. Most mornings, she teaches, and most afternoons, she advises and assists students. Kinard-Jones is also an adviser for the Beta Tau Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at the Tupelo Campus.

Since she has been a member of the faculty, Kinard-Jones has received the Phi Theta

Kappa Horizon Adviser Award (2017-18), and she participated in ICC’s prestigious Leadership Development Institute (2018-19).

A compassionate educator devoted to challenging the minds of her students, Kinard Jones says that “learning is power only when it is turned on. It is my philosophy to turn the light of learning on in each individual learner and support the trajectory for each learner’s career success. She admits that “turning on that light” isn’t always possible. “Failure to reach an individual learner is one of the most negative as-

pects of teaching>

She said that although COVID has limited classroom interaction and activities, it has taught valuable lessons. “Embrace each moment and opportunity with a sense of immediacy...only the important things truly matter.”

Although her first career choice was biomedical engineering, Kinard-Jones has taken the advice she would give to those considering a job or career similar to hers. “You must love teaching students, love teaching math and love teaching concepts and precepts one step at a

time. Mistakes will be made (with the students and instructors, and that’s okay...correct, re-vamp and move forward to complete the task at hand.”

Of all her accomplishments, Kinard-Jones said that earning her doctorate degree in December 2018 has given her the most satisfaction. “I started the Ph.D. program in August 2009. I experienced many trials during this time that derailed my focus away from completing my degree.” Among them were personal health, death of a grandmother, engagement and marriage.

Kinard-Jones doesn’t spend every minute involved in mathematics. She enjoys playing the piano, shopping, traveling and spending time with her family, which includes in addition to her mother, her husband, Natdrick, and her two-year-old son, Kai Williams Kinard Jones.

She is a member, pianist and choir director for St. Matthew Baptist Church and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Mathematical Association of America and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Although it’s difficult for a young mother such as Kinard-Jones to balance work and home responsibilities, she credits her “great support system (God, husband, parents and brother - Irijah, who is also a member of the ICC family - WIOA Youth Career Coach).

Only time will tell if Kinard-Jones will continue the same journey at ICC as her mother who retired after 36 years. Maybe she will teach mathematics that she loves. Or maybe she will be a community college administrator, the only other occupation that would interest her. In the meantime, she has set a personal goal to reveal/discover hidden talents and abilities in each individual student. That’s what makes her unique.

DMS From page one

There will also be an option for students to continue into a second year of Cardiac and Vascular Sonography. Beginning in the fall of 2023, licensed professionals may enter that option.

The program format will offer an opportunity for potential students from outside ICC’s geographical area to participate as long as clinical sites are approved, Stone said.

“We are excited to offer an innovative curriculum that encompasses both in-person labs and clinicals with online didactic courses,”

Stone said. “According to our hospitals and clinical facilities, Diagnostic Medical Sonographers are currently in high demand. With ICC’s being able to offer multiple specialties of sonography, it will allow students to be well-versed upon entering the workforce.”

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers are highly-skilled healthcare professionals who use high frequency sound waves, also known as ultrasound, to produce diagnostic images of the internal structures of the human

body. Sonographers work closely with physicians and radiologists, who interpret the ultrasound and related diagnostic procedures. They work in hospitals, clinics, physician’s offices, women’s health centers and pediatric care centers. The medium annual wage for a DMS is \$75,920.

“We are happy to reopen this important health sciences program,” said Rilla Jones, dean of Health Sciences. “Our advisory committee members expressed the need for Diagnostic Medical Sonographers,

and ICC identified a scarcity of programs in the state. We have designed an innovative program that will serve new students as well as current sonographers who want additional certifications.”

Applications are now live on ICC’s website, www.iccms.edu, under programs of study, Diagnostic Medical Sonography. The application deadline is May 1.

For more information, email ahstone@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1426.



Amanda Stone will teach ICC’s Diagnostic Medical Sonography program.